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## REQUIRES BOARD ACTION Due: Mon. Mar. 16-return ballot in enclosed envelope

January 31, 2020

## MEMORANDUM

To: All Board Presidents and Superintendents - CSBA Member Boards
From: Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez, CSBA President
Re: 2020 Ballot for CSBA Delegate Assembly - U.S. Postmark Deadline is Mon. March 16

Enclosed is the ballot material for election to CSBA's Delegate Assembly from your region or subregion. It consists of: 1) the ballot (on red paper), the reverse side of which contains the names of ALL current members of the Delegate Assembly from your region or subregion; and 2) the required candidate biographical sketch form and, if submitted, a resume. In addition, provided is a copy of the ballot on white paper to include with your board agenda. Only the ballot on red paper is to be completed and returned to CSBA. It must be postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before Monday, March 16, 2020. No exceptions.

Your Board may vote for up to the number of vacancies in the region or subregion as indicated on the ballot. For example, if there are three vacancies, the Board may vote for up to three candidates. However, your Board may cast no more than one vote for any one candidate. (The ballot also contains a provision for write-in candidates; their name and district must be clearly printed in the space provided.)

The ballot must be signed by the Superintendent or Board Clerk and returned in the enclosed envelope; if the envelope is misplaced, you may use your district's stationery. Please write DELEGATE
ELECTION prominently on the envelope along with the region or subregion number on the bottom left corner of the envelope (this number appears at the top of the ballot).

If there is a tie vote, a run-off election will be held. All re-elected and newly elected Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2022. The next meeting of the Delegate Assembly takes place on Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17 at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento. The names of all Delegates will be available on CSBA's website no later than Wednesday, April 1. Please do not hesitate to contact CSBA's Executive Office at (800) 266-3382 should you have any questions.

Encs: Ballot on red paper and watermarked "copy" of ballot on white paper
List of all current Delegates on reverse side of ballot
Candidate(s)' required Biographical Sketch Forms and resumes, if provided CSBA-addressed envelope to send back ballots

This completed Ballot must be SIGNED by the Superintendent or Board Clerk and returned in the enclosed envelope postmarked by the U.S. post office no later than MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020. Only ONE Ballot per Board. Be sure to mark your vote " $X$ " in the box.

## A PARTIAL, UNSIGNED, PHOTOCOPIED, OR LATE BALLOT WILL NOT BE VALID.

OFFICIAL 2020 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT
SUBREGION 7-B
(Alameda County)
(Vote for no more than 3 candidates)
Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2022
*denotes incumbent
$\square$ James Aguilar (San Leandro USD)
$\square$ Mialisa Bonta (Alameda USD)
$\square$ Anne White (Livermore Valley Joint USD)*


Signature of Superintendent or Board Clerk

School District

School District

Title

Date of Board Action

See reverse side for a current list of all Delegates in your Region.
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## REGION 7 - 20 Delegates (15 elected/5 appointed $\diamond$ )

## Director: Yolanda Peña Mendrek (Liberty Union HSD)

## Below is a list of all the current Delegates.

## Subregion 7-A (Contra Costa)

Elizabeth (Liz) Bettis (Walnut Creek ESD), term expires 2021
Laura Canciamilla (Pittsburg USD), term expires 2020
Valerie Cuevas (West Contra Costa USD) $\stackrel{\diamond}{ }$, appointed term expires 2020
Linda K. Mayo (Mt. Diablo USD) $\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{ }$, appointed term expires 2021
Meredith Meade (Lafayette SD), term expires 2021
Marina Ramos (John Swett USD), term expires 2021
Richard Severy (Moraga ESD), term expires 2021
Raymond Valverde (Liberty Union HSD), term expires 2020

## Subregion 7-B (Alameda)

Valerie Arkin (Pleasanton USD), term expires 2020
Ann Crosbie (Fremont USD) $\diamond$, appointed term expires 2021
Jody London (Oakland USD) $\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{ }$, appointed term expires 2021
Amy Miller (Dublin USD), term expires 2020
Diana J. Prola (San Leandro USD), term expires 2021
Annette Walker (Hayward USD), term expires 2020
Jeff Wang (New Haven USD), term expires 2021
Anne White (Livermore Valley Joint USD), term expires 2020
Gary Yee (Oakland USD)*, appointed term expires 2020
Jamie Yee (Pleasanton USD), term expires 2021
Vacant, term expires 2021
County Delegate:
Amber Childress (Alameda COE), term expires 2021

## Counties

Contra Costa (Subregion A)
Alameda (Subregion B)

## Delegate Assembly Biographical Sketch Form for 2020 election DUE: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 - no late submissions accepted

Please complete, sign, and date this required biographlcal sketch form. An optional, ONE-page, single-sided, résumé may also be submitted. Please do not state "see resume" and do not re-type this form. It is the candidate's responsibllity to confirm that all nomination materials have been received by the CSBA Executive Office, call 800.266 .3382 or email at nominations@ctba.org.


| Name: James Aguilar | CSBA Reglon \& subregion \#: 7 7-B |
| :---: | :---: |
| District or CoE:San Leandro Unified School District | Years on board: $1(+1$, student) |
| Profession:Env. Policy Coordinator Contact Number (please v Cell $\square$ Ho | Contact Number (please v $\square$ cell $\square$ Home $\square$ (3us.): +1 (510) 500-6973 |
| *Primary E-mail: jaguilar@slusd.us |  |
| (*Communications from CSBA will be sent to primory email) <br> Are you an incumbent Delegate? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No \| If yes, year you became Delegate: |  |

Why are you Interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

When I was a Student Trustee, I made it my mission to tackle social issues, as with revision of the dress code and formalizing student voice. In the context of my current role, I have focused on addressing how we can advocate for our districts and navigate a faulty system with issues such as funding and compounding inequities. A goal of mine is to promote ways that we can tear down barriers so that the inequities of the past and present are truly undone. CSBA provides many of the best resources and a large legislative advocacy network - what better platform to introduce fresh perspecitves in education than CSBA's Deleaate Assemblv?

Please describe your activities and Involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.
I have served on my Board for a year now, and a year before as a Student on the San Lorenzo School Board. Thus far, my work has been centered around addressing social issues and soaking in knowledge of law and process. In my first months, I completed MIG and Orientation for New Trustees; I have attended two full AEC conferences and actively participate in a local group, the Progressive Ed Leaders Network, to exchange experiences as a form of PD. I also participate with 'San Leandro 2050,' a zero-emissions nonprofit, as well as the East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

1. Funding: Not enough. Period. CSBA can continue to lead the F\&FF effort.
2. Student Voice: All too often the student voice, our largest stakeholder, is disregarded. CSBA can offer Student Board Members access to more resources, and include them at the table.
3. Climate Crisis: As education leaders, we have an obligation to advocate against climate change. CSBA can follow the Colorado SBA by authoring a resolution, and increase advocacy efforts in this realm and set out frameworks for environmental policy in education - imagine increased green literacy, zero waste initiatives and bus emission mitigation. We can do it all, together.

## Education

- San Francisco State University, Fall 2018-Present
- BA, Political Science, In Progress
" Advanced coursework related to experience: LABR 251, Work Rights; WGS 160, Gender, Politics \& Citizenship; PLSI 275, Political Theory
- Minor, Secondary Education, In Progress


## Service Experience

- Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 6, San Leandro USD, 2018-Present
- Committees: Policy/Curriculum, Communications/Advocacy
- Student Board Trustee, San Lorenzo Unified School District, 2017-2018


## Work Experience

- Environmental Justice \& Policy Coordinator, Associated Students of San Francisco State University, 2019-Present
- Admin. Intern, California State Assembly: Office of Asm. Rob Bonta, Summer 2019
- Legislative Intern, California State Senate: Office of Senator Nancy Skinner, Spring 2019
- Gen. Consultant, Jeromey Shafer for Mayor of San Leandro, FPPC ID \#1408800, 2018
- Student Leadership Consultant, Norm Hull \& Associates, Summer 2018
- Staff Member, Youth for National Change (now dissolved), 2016-2017


## Professional Development

- California School Boards Association (CSBA)
- Masters in Governance, 2019
- Annual Education Conference, 2017, 2018
- Orientation for New Trustees, 2018
- Progressive Education Leaders Network (PELN), 2019-Present
- Equality California: LGBTQ+ Leadership Summit, 2018
- Better Together: California Teachers Summit, 2017
- California Association of Student Leaders (CADA/CASL), 2016-2018


## Recognitions

- "Emerging Leader" - East Bay Stonewall Democrats. Correlated: Oakland Council President Rebecca Kaplan, City of Oakland, California State Legislature, Congresswoman Barbara Lee, 2019
- "Star Service" - for student Board service, San Lorenzo USD, 2018


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| Mialisa Bonta | CSBA Region \& subregion \#: |
| :---: | :---: |
| District or COE: Alameda Unified School District | CSBA Region \& subregion \#: Years on board: 1.1 |
| Profession: CEO, Oakland Promise Contact Number (please v $\square$ Cell | me $\square$ Bus.): 415-728-1796 |
| *Primary E-mail: mbonta@alamedaunified.org |  |
| (*Communications from CSBA will be sent to primary emgil) Are you an incumbent Delegate? $\square$ |  |

Why are you Interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate
Assembly.
I have served on the AUSD Board of Education for 1.1 years, recently getting elected by my colleagues for a second term as President of the AUSD Board of Education. I bring 20+ years working to support children and families, in particular through conducting strategic planning and policy development for school districts throughout California and the country. I am a non-profit executive, working in close partnership with school systems and community-based organizations to develop public-private partnerships. I also served as Delegate for the 18th AD for the CA Dem. Party

Please describe your activitles and involvement on your local board, communlty, and/or CSBA.
While on the AUSD school board, I have focused my efforts on focusing the district in the adoption of a strategic plan after 10 years, full and fair funding, and addressing equity issues in our district. I have supported better alignment of the LCAP process with the district's long term planning. I am a parent of three students, participating PTA member. As CEO of Oakland Promise, I run one of the largest school-aligned, place-based initiatives to support cradle-to-career programs to support postsecondary attainment and alignment with the Pre-K-12 system.

## What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

The biggest challenge facing governing boards is ensuring that elected community members have the skills, resources, training, and background information to make critical, data-based and research informed decisions related to their school system. In addition, governing boards today must struggle with the impact of long-term reduction in funding for each child and school system in the state. CSBA can address these issues by joining together to develop a thoughtful legislative platform that will address the variety of needs requiring advocacy by the CSBA.

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# Mialisa T. Bonta 

Alameda Unified School District BOE

## ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Elected November 2018, first Afro-Latina Board President in Alameda Unified School District.
OAKLAND PROMISE, Oakland, CA
Inaugural CEO
2019-Present
Currently leading a large-scale non-profit organization facilitating a cradle-to-career strategy to ensure every child in need in Oakland attains post-secondary success through supports and administration of college savings and administration of scholarships for 1,400 students annually.

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COLLEGE PROMISE COALITION

Steering Committee Member; Chair Policy Committee
2019-Present
Lead development of policy agenda for a coalition of regional Promise and college-access programs to aggregate collective expertise in support of $20 \mathrm{k}+$ students in the region.

## LITERACY LAB, Oakland, CA

Founder \& CEO
2014-2019
Launched non-profit organization with a mission is to create connected and interactive early learning environments by deploying books, digital content, and blended learning solutions for under-resourced children, their caregivers, and educators.

## BRING ME A BOOK, Mountain View, CA

Executive Director
2012-2014
Led a 15 year old early literacy and book access organization while successfully raising $\$ 1.2 \mathrm{M}$ operating budget, and distributing close to 1 M books to children throughout California.

## BREAKTHROUGH COLLABORATIVE, San Francisco, CA

Executive Director
2008-2010
Led a 25 year old non-profit organization focused on supporting middle-school-to college pipeline programs with oversight over 29 affiliates in the U.S. and Hong Kong.

STUPSKI FOUNDATION, Mill Valley, CA
Associate Director, Strategic Initiatives \& Legacy Development
2002-2008
Designed foundation's policy impact strategy intended to engage K-12 districts, local and state policy leaders, and state education agencies in California, Texas, Ohio and Connecticut.

## EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL, J.D., 1999 Yale Law and Policy Review; Latino Law Students'
HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, Ed.M. program, 1995-1996
YALE UNIVERSITY, B.A., Psychology, 1993 Concentration: Developmental Psychology

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Why are you interosted in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experlences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.
The Delegate Assembly is the bottom line decision making body of CSBA. The DA elects officers, approves CSBA positions on ballot initiatives and provides grassroots feedback to staff about the likely actual effects of proposed legislation - and unintended consequences.

My many years as an active trustee, as a delegate and as a director will add experience, knowledge and wisdom to the deliberations of the Delegate Assembly.

Please descrlbe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.
CSBA: Director 2014-18, Charter School Task Force, Committees: ELA Adequacy, Bylaws, Audit, Legislation and Nominating, Nominating Chairman, Golden Bell Validator, 2011, 2007, 2000. Livermore: Policy, Dual Immersion Task Force, Tri-Valley Education Collaborative (CTE in the TriValley), Alameda County School Boards Association, member, officer 2003-2013.
Other: Indlvidual Member Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, Sandia National Lab BioSafety Committee, LAM Research Scholarship Committee, Student Education Loan Fund, president and board member.

What do you te te at the bigest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?
Ever since the pilgrims stepped off the Mayflower, responsibllity for public schools has been in the hands of locally selected citizens. If this scheme is to survive, local boards must not only make good decisions, but also must clearly be seen to be making those good decisions. Statewide ACSA and our local superintendents are key partners in keeping school boards relevant. Our superintendents are our "agents" who make us aware of "smile and wave" opportunities, but also of chances to speak and share our pride in our districts, demonstrating our competence. Our superintendents also can play a significant role in integrating trustees into the leadership of our communities. CSBA can foster


Submit biographical sketch form only once, do not send multiple times. E-mall: nominations@csba,org, or fax to (916) 371-3407, or US Mail to: CSBA Exec. Offite| Attn; DA Ejections | 3251 Beacon Blvd., West Sacto, CA 95691 by the deadline: Tuas. Jan. 7, 2020.

Anne White
4614 Almond Circle
Livermore, California 94550

## Experience

- Board of Trustees, Livermore Valley Joint Unifled School District, 1990 - present
- CSBA Delegate Assembly, Region 78 Alameda County, 2000-2013; Director Region 7, 2014 - 2018
- Alameda County School Boards Assoclation; offcer 2003-07; 2010-13 Livermore representatlve
- Staff Research Associate, ten years, U.C.S.F., medical research, bibliography avallable


## California School Boards Association (CSBA) Activities

- ELA Adequacy Committee, 2015-6, Charter School Task Force 2016-7
- Annual Education Conference presenter - 2015, 2011, 2005, 1999; NSBA 2000; Unity Conference 2013
- Committees: Audit 2014-15; Educatlon Legal Alliance 2011-14; Bylaws 2016-7; Legislative 2006-07; Nominating 2004, Chairman 2005
- Golden Bell Validatar, 2000, 2007, 2011
- Proposed School Finance Explorntion Project, 2004


## Livermore School District Achievements and Activities

- Ofganized the Livermore Hispanle Study Group/Achievement Gap Task Force, 2006
- District and Superintendent Committees, 1986-2019:

Measure L (bond campaign) - GATE Advisory Board - LAVTA (area transportation) - Tri-Yalley Education Collaboratlve (Career Tech) - Communication - Technology - Fiscal Policy Advisory Committee - Strategle Plan - Health and Weliness - Policy - Intergovernmental (Schools, Clity, Parks) - High School Graduation Requirements - Measures E and D Committees (parcel taxes) - Employee Recognitlon - Facilities - Diversity Marylin Avenue School Roadrunner Project ( P I Committee) - Dual Immersion Task Force

- Tri-Valley Business Councill Education Committee, "Tri-Valley Vision 2010"
- Mayor's School Facillties Committee - Developers, Councll and Trustees
- Speaker: Soroptimists, Rotarles, Real Estate Board, Chamber of Commerce


## Professional Davelopment

- Master of Boardsmanshlp, Masters In Governance, Interest Based Bargaining, three times
- Numerous workshops and webinars: CSBA/School Services and CSBA/CDE/ACSA/CCSESA: Curriculum, Finance, Governance, Legal, Back to School, Forecast, Collective Bargaining Summits, Achievement Gap Summit, Rebuilding California


## Presentations

- "Repair Callfornia" - County \$upervisor Town Hall meeting
- "Schools and Mayors: New Partnershlp for Better Performance" - Brown Club of Southern California


## Panels -

- Institutional Biosafety Committee, Sandia National Laboratery, 2013 - prasent
- Alumni Advis ory Council, Blological Sciences, Purdue University, 2007-12
- Tri-Valley Adolescent Health Initiative Stoering Committee, 2005-08
- CDE; Instructional Materials Advlsory Paneels, 1998-2003; Legal-Social Compliance Review Leader 2005


## Honors

- California State PTA Continuing Service Award, Croce Elementary School, 2010
- "Juanita Háugen - Women Making a Difference Award, Leadershlp and Educatlon" Enst Bay CEWAER, (now California Women Lead), 2007


## Other

- M.S., Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, Blological Sciences A. B., Brown University, Providence, Rhode islond, Blology
- Family - husband, Ron, retired physieist, Lawrence Livermore National Lab; 2 adult sons


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